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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen whole body undertone on 8-12 lb. hens was fully steady to firm, 12-16 lb. hens and 16-20 lb. toms mixed and ranged barely steady to fully steady, 20-24 lb. and toms steady to fully steady. Frozen private label whole turkeys were generally more stable than packer labels. Demand ranged light to fair with interest being noted on fresh for November holiday needs. Trading light and centered on gift boxed hens and open priced frozen private label basted-netted-timed hens with price ceilings of 66 September and 67 delivered October, toms with a 58 cent ceiling delivered September - October. Frozen whole turkey offerings were in a full range with some sellers willing to negotiate on excess packer label heavy hen and light tom inventories. Bulk meat and parts trading light.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on fair volumes of frozen drums and mechanically separated turkey (MST). Frozen MST trading was noted at steady to higher trending prices on product with -30 days age and increased activity was noted on product with -90 days age. Tom drum trading was at steady to barely steady price levels, thigh meat at steady prices.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 12, 2002**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-72	68	68.00	160
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-69.25	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
67.75	2000	SEP-OCT
-	-	-
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-
-	-
-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	60	60.00	200
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-60	-	-	-

61.75	1200	SEP-OCT
-	-	-
-	-	-

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-	-
-	-

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-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

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-	-
303	SEP-OCT
-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-60	-	-	-

-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

-	-
20	SEP-OCT
-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF SEPT 13, 2002

CURRENT
WEEK LAST
WEEK SAME WEEK
YEAR AGO

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION	68.82	67.38**	68.83
CENTRAL REGION	66.11	65.20	68.17
WESTERN REGION	67.00**	67.00**	68.91

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	59.43	59.00**	65.00
CENTRAL REGION	58.00	59.00	64.69
WESTERN REGION	58.00**	56.00	63.01

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	66-71

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	85-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-105

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 16-SEP-2002

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	73.08	124	66.63	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	73.08	124	66.63	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

AUGUST	458,126*
SEPTEMBER 1-7, 2002	91,642*

To date 2002	3,532,289*
To date 2001	3,552,284*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 07-Sep-2002
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	687	-14	22.00	(A)	688 22.00
SATL	720	-15	28.56	(A)	721 28.56
N CENT	1,938	-14	29.82	(A)	1,939 29.82
S CENT	512	2	21.17	(A)	513 21.17
WEST	471	-9	22.66	(A)	472 22.66
U.S. TOTAL	4,328(B)	-12	26.04	5	4,333 26.04
TO-DATE					
2002	165,373(B)			276	165,649
TO-DATE					
2001	171,001(B)			417	171,418

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 73,000; for the year 1,822,000; last year to date 1,488,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 07-Sep-2002

	YOUNG HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,714	2,541	73	5	4,333
AVG WT	15.04	34.21	23.72	26.17	26.44
LAST WEEK	2,107	2,748	70	4	4,929
SAME WK YR AGO	1,816	2,624	27	7	4,474
AVG WT	15.53	32.83	26.08	25.62	25.76
TO-DATE/2002	66,117	97,434	1,822	276	165,649
TO-DATE/2001	71,963	97,550	1,488	417	171,418

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 12 SEPTEMBER 2002.

The market on fresh tom breast meat was steady to instances fully steady with some isolated unsettledness noted, fresh destrapped tenderloins steady and scapula was fully steady. Fresh tom breast meat demand was light to fair with some noting not as much interest as previous weeks, balance light to fair. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat were light with some spot availability noted, scapula was held with confidence, and fresh destrapped tenderloins ranged from light at best to instances adequate. Domestic and export trading were light on all items.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	97.14	560
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00		91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	21.00		21.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	30.00	24
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		T	14.00	14
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	150.00	25
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	189.00	80
THIGH MEAT	51.00-53.00		51.89	18
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	55.07	122
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	76.00		76.00	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	116.00		116.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		T	140.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	49.00		49.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	20
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00		21.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	18.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	24.83	156
TAILS		T	16.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00		50.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 13 SEPTEMBER 2002.

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady and fresh destrapped tenderloins steady. Demand ranged light to mostly fair. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat ranged light to instances fully adequate, mostly adequate and fresh destrapped tenderloins light to adequate. The undertone on frozen destrapped tenderloins was steady and frozen tom breast meat steady to barely steady. Demand slow to instances fair. Offerings of frozen destrapped tenderloins were adequate, frozen tom breast meat adequate to fully adequate with increased availability noted on -6 months age production. The undertone on tom bulk parts was mostly steady with some isolated unsettledness noted. The hen bulk parts undertone ranged from at least steady on 2-joints to barely steady on drums. Demand slow to moderate for the light to mostly adequate offerings. The thigh meat undertone was steady to instances fully steady, fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST) about steady, frozen steady to fully steady. Trading centered on fair volumes of tom drums and MST for export. For domestic: breeder breast meat 120, plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 102 cents delivered. For export: -90 days age frozen -20% MST 13-16, hen drums 20, fresh thigh meat 55 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	90.00		90.00	40	90.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00-22.00		20.60	300	20.68	331
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	24.00		24.00	10	21.23	130
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	18.00		18.00	40	18.59	135
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	80	22.25	267
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	30.00	24	30.00	24
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	14.00-15.00		14.27	55	14.22	69
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	150.00	25	150.00	25
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	186.00-190.00		188.02	234	186.06	704
THIGH MEAT		R	51.89	18	51.36	66
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	54.00-56.00		54.89	72	54.89	72
BREAST TRIM MEAT	85.00-88.00		86.00	60	86.00	60
SCAPULA MEAT	77.00		77.00	20	76.43	140
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	116.00		116.00	40	116.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	141.00		141.00	13	140.25	53
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	49.00	80	48.75	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-19.00		18.00	80	17.30	792
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-20.00		19.49	408	19.91	564
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	18.00	104		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	24.83	156	24.83	156
TAILS		T	16.00	80	16.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00-21.00		19.49	450	19.49	450
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	48.00-52.00		50.11	180	52.88	856

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